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SUBJECT: PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE

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1. ALTHOUGH ADVANCE PARTY FOR CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE (CPAT) IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 20, NATIONAL COMMITTEE STILL HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED BY PRCLC OF THIS US VISIT NOR HAS IT BEEN GIVEN ANY DETAILS OF WHAT ADVANCE PARTY INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH. NC NEEDS TO KNOW ARRIVAL INFORMATION, AND ALSO MUST KNOW TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES OF GROUP. FOR EXAMPLE, WILL GROUP WANT TO INSPECT ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN THEATERS, OR IS IT INTERESTED IN PROPOSED DAILY SCHEDULES, OR IN PROGRAMS TO BE PRINTED?

2. ALTHOUGH PRCLC HAS MENTIONED AN ADVANCE GROUP TO NC, CHINESE HERE APPARENTLY DO NOT HAVE DETAILS, AND IN ANY CASE PRCLC'S COMMENTS HAVE NOT CONSTITUTED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY.

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3. BEGIN FYI: FIRST INDICATION OF ADVANCE PARTY VISIT WAS

IN REFTTEL. DEPARTMENT AND NC WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS GROUP, ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE

HAVE DECLINED TO ACCEPT SIMILAR US ADVANCE PARTIES. INGERSOLL

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